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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Girard Case

THE somewhat complicated legal action now taking place in Washington over Sergeant William Girard has attracted interest far beyond the shores of the United States. The ultimate decision can only be guessed. The judge hearing pleas by lawyers representing the Government and Sergeant Girard has deferred his decision on whether the Federal Court had the right to take control of the proceedings.

The facts of the case are now well-known. The issue boils down to this: should Girard, accused of shooting a Japanese woman on a US Army firing range in Japan, be tried by Japanese or American jurisdiction. The American Government through its legal representatives has maintained that the decision to allow Japan to try Sergeant Girard was "political and not subject to judicial review." It further contends that the habeas corpus proceedings by Girard's lawyers are not valid.

One extremely awkward possibility has, however, been removed from the case in today's Court ruling. It was felt at one time that not only might the Federal District Court refuse to accept the Government's plea but that it might also examine the status of forces treaty which the Japanese claim gives them jurisdiction, and all the papers connected with the case. District Judge McCarraghy has, however, denied the defence motion which would have required the Government to produce the documents in court.

HE has also refused the defence request that Mr Dulles, the Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson and the Army Secretary, Mr Bruckner be subpoenaed to testify personally in the case. As one commentator points out if the American court had examined the status of forces treaty and the facts of the case, in effect, the Sergeant would have been on trial.

The obvious conclusion in that event was that if the court decided that the Sergeant must stand trial in Japan, he would face the prosecution with his defence largely destroyed. But wisely the judge has not called for the documents of the case. However there is still another awkward possibility. A commentator points out "If on the other hand the Federal Court grants a writ of habeas corpus, untold damage will be done to the nation's foreign affairs."

THE Japanese may in that event raise the point that an American driver has been committed for trial in a Greek court on a charge of manslaughter by negligence. Why they may fairly ask should a dual principle operate?

There are also regrettable sidelights to the Girard case: one Congressman has spoken rather carelessly about the possibility of an agreement between the Japanese and American Government "to let Girard off lightly." It is difficult to see a satisfactory ending to this sorry business.

It would seem that the foresight of Judge McCarraghy cannot be too highly applauded. He appears to have stripped the complications to a minimum though these are troublesome enough. Whatever his decision on the habeas corpus proceedings, however, it would seem that the first thing needed are immediate discussions between the United States and Japan on a less ambiguous status of forces treaty.

BIG FOUR MEETING POSSIBLE

British Opinion Swinging In Favour

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, June 11. CHANCES of a Big Four meeting between Britain, France, the United States and Russia are steadily increasing. It looks like being at Foreign Minister level, sometime in the autumn.

On Thursday in London disarmament talks are to resume. Harold Stassen, United States representative, is expected back from a flying visit to Washington on Wednesday, or Thursday morning.

Then delegates are expected to get down to a series of "bit by bit" deals with Moscow.

LIMITATION

Prospects for a series of such limited deals are good—particularly on some form of limitation of H-bomb tests, freezing of military budgets by the Big Four and a treaty to bar any other power from making H-bombs.

If these prospects are realised then the Big Four Foreign Ministers are almost certain to meet.

Opinion in London is swinging round in favour of such a conference—particularly since Britain has now successfully exploded her H-bomb.

AIR ROUTES TALKS AFFECT HK

Washington, June 11. Important civil aviation negotiations begin in London on June 18 between the United States and Britain in regard to the extension of Trans World Airlines and Northwest Airline routes for the Americans and BOAC and British West Indies Airlines (BWIA) routes for the British.

Importance also is attached here to extending Northwest Airlines route from Tokyo to Hongkong, as Hongkong is an important civil aviation centre in the Far East.

United States delegation will request traffic rights for extending the TWA trans-Pacific route to London and Frankfurt as far as Zurich in Switzerland and the Northwest Airlines trans-Pacific route to Tokyo as far as Hongkong.—United Press.

Voting At Today's By-Election

Voters were slow in going to the polling stations at this morning's Urban Council by-election.

The election is being held because of the resignation of Mr Brook A. Bernacchi who is seeking re-election. The other candidate is Mr K. B. Allport of the Hongkong Civic Association.

At noon today, just little over 1,000 voters had registered their votes at both the Hongkong and Kowloon stations, as compared with about 1,900 in the March election.

Voting started at 8 a.m. and in the first hour 183 voted at the Hongkong station. At Kowloon station, 28 voted in the first hour.

Up to 12.30 p.m. 946 voted at the Hongkong station and 250 at Kowloon, as compared with about 1,700 in Hongkong and about 400 at Kowloon in March.

Israel Suez Plan

Jerusalem, June 11. The Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman tonight confirmed press reports that Israel would attempt to send foreign ships, carrying Israeli cargo through the Suez Canal. The spokesman was commenting on a report published earlier today by the newspaper Haaretz. The newspaper said the Israeli Government had decided not to try to send an Israeli test ship through the Suez Canal, but would attempt to use ships flying Israeli flags, carrying Israeli cargo to build up gradually a regular service through the canal for Israeli trade.—France-Press.

Rocket Bursts After Launching

New York, June 11. The Air Force fired off a huge guided missile believed to be the continent-to-continent Atlas today at Cape Canaveral, Florida, and it burst into flame and exploded seconds after leaving the launching ramp.

The silvery missile, about 100 feet long with a snub nose, rose almost vertically in the sky in the midst of a ball of orange-coloured fire to about 5,000 or 6,000 feet and then levelled off.

ORANGE FIRE

Observers said it then burst into flame and exploded with another tremendous ball of orange fire. Red-hot pieces of the missile were sent showering over the Atlantic Ocean in front of the launching site.

It was not known immediately by the scores of observers on the beach whether the missile was throwing a booster at the time of the explosion or whether the Air Force had destroyed the missile because its engines failed to take hold after a booster got it off the ground.

There were no casualties.—United Press.

French Mob Takes Revenge In Algiers

Algiers, June 11. Rioting Frenchmen killed and beat up Algerians today and then wrecked and burned their shops and cars in reprisal against a recent wave of rebel bombings.

An early evening official police report said that 12 Moslems were killed and 15 wounded. Later in the evening, however, the office of the Minister Resident here issued a "corrected toll", claimed the earlier official communiqué was "in error" and put the day's figures at one French woman killed, five Moslems—including two rebels—killed, eight Europeans (French) including three paratroopers and one security policeman—seriously wounded, 200 rioters arrested.

STORMED MARKETS

There was no explanation of the error which caused the conflicting reports.

Revolver shots were heard as the French stormed markets, wrecking stalls. One student was reported injured.

Three thousand paratroopers took over key points in the town, and the suburb of Bab El Oued, where most of Sunday's victims lived.

Two hundred European demonstrators were arrested.—United Press and Reuter.

US NUCLEAR BOMBS COULD OBLITERATE WORLD'S CITIES

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

Washington, June 11. THE United States has enough nuclear explosive in its stockpiles to obliterate every city in the world.

Official sources in Washington estimated today that stockpiles of H-bomb and atom bomb explosives exceed one million megatons in power. This is equivalent to 50 million Hiroshima-sized explosions.

Stocks are so immense that there is no point in making any more. But most of the huge plants are being kept in production. They cannot be closed down without deterioration.

TYING UP CAPITAL

This over-production which is tying up prohibitive amounts of capital is the main reason for America's speeded-up drive to secure international agreements to limit, and if possible to end nuclear explosive production.

It is also behind the United States drive to secure overseas markets for atomic power plants.

The Atomic Energy Commission is also embarrassed by its stocks of Uranium 235 and Plutonium now far in excess of military requirements. So a campaign is being waged to convince the foreign nations that they should build only American type atom power plants which can use American supplied Uranium 235 and Plutonium.

FUEL BELOW COST

Fuel is being offered at below cost price. In future it may also be given away as an inducement to buy American stocks.

America's stocks of pure Uranium 235 are estimated at more than 120 tons. Only about 10 pounds is needed to trigger off the H-bomb and the United States forces are planning to use it in anti-aircraft missiles as well as in bombs and rockets.

The Queen Accepts Invitations

London, June 11.

Queen Elizabeth tonight accepted "with much pleasure" an invitation to visit the United States this October.

The announcement from Buckingham Palace said she will fly to Canada for her first visit there since becoming Queen.

Then she will fly to Jamestown, Virginia, to spend a day at the festival commemorating Britain's first landing in North America, then spend approximately three days in Washington and one day in New York. After months of negotiations the Queen's decision was disclosed in two separate announcements from the Palace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first said: "The Queen has graciously consented to accept the suggestion of the Canadian Government that she and the Duke of Edinburgh should visit Ottawa in October this year."

"The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have accepted with much pleasure an invitation from the President of the United States to pay a state visit to Washington in October, 1957."—United Press.

Turncoat Expected

A former American prisoner of war in Korea, Andrew Fortuna, of Ionia, Michigan, is expected to arrive in Hongkong from China on Saturday. It was learned this morning.

SAILOR FLOATED NINE HOURS

Glasgow, June 11. A British ship, sailing towards Japan, has saved her second mate from the sea in one of the most remarkable incidents in maritime history, according to her managers here today.

The second mate fell overboard but was not missed until three-and-a-half hours later. The ship, the motor vessel British Monarch (5,800 tons), turned round and searched more than 100 miles of sea for him.

Nine hours after the man fell overboard, he was sighted and picked up.

"It sounds almost like a miracle," said a spokesman for the managers, Messrs Raeburn and Vero Limited of Glasgow.

The British Monarch was four days out from Panama on her way to Japan when the second mate was reported missing.—China Mail Special.

PARATROOPER CAUGHT IN FUSELAGE

New York, June 11.

PARATROOPER rescue efforts by the crew of a troop carrier aircraft today failed to save the life of a paratrooper who dangled helplessly from a parachute line caught on the plane's fuselage. For more than an hour three of the crew tried to haul the trooper back into the plane as it circled above Pope Air Force base at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The pilot reduced speed to a

minimum to try to facilitate a rescue, but the low speed caused both engines to over-heat and required a landing.

In an effort to minimize the danger to the trapped trooper, ground crews sprayed foaming chemical along several hundred feet of the runway before the airplane came in for a landing.

The aircraft nosed in at the lowest possible speed, and when only six inches off ground the dangling trooper

was out loose. He skidded 100 feet through the foam. Ground workers rushed to him but he was dead.

The Fort Bragg Information Office said a preliminary medical examination indicated the victim had possibly been dead 30 minutes. He had gone up to make a routine parachute jump at this army training centre.

His name was not disclosed pending notification of next of kin.—China Mail Special.



Without the caption this picture had us guessing too. Animal, vegetable or mineral? Just for the fun of it we'll tell you tomorrow.

EARTHQUAKE FELT HERE

An earthquake was recorded said that it was "sharply recorded" but was unable to give further details. Several persons experienced the shock.

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Pearly Kings And Queens At Epsom



Bethnal Green and Stoke Newington pearly kings and queens seen at Epsom. — Keystone Photo.

Speakers Want Belgium Trade With China

Brussels, June 11. Speakers from three out of the four parties represented in Parliament today urged a revision of the "Chincom" restrictions in trading with Communist China in so-called strategic goods.

M. Edgar Lalemand, Communist member of the Lower House, the Chamber, urged the Government "not to be over-impressed by possible American threats," and to develop trade with China, "lest Belgium's place would be taken by Italy, Germany and Japan."

RECOGNITION

M. J. Brunfaut, Socialist, said he was speaking in his own name, but went further than his Liberal and Communist colleagues: He demanded that the Peking Government should be recognised "de jure" by Belgium.

POLICY

But Belgium, the Minister said, must also take into account the attitude of the United States, whose policy is Belgium's best guaranty of security. He added that the Belgian Government will shortly make a statement on the problem of trade with China.—Reuter.

NEW LINER TO REPLACE DORIA

Genoa, June 11. The Italian Line announced today that it had ordered the construction of a new liner designed to replace the sunken Andrea Doria.

The Andrea Doria sank off the Nantucket Lightship last August following a collision with the Swedish liner Stockholm.

The Italian Line said the name of the new liner has not been chosen yet.—United Press.

GOVERNMENT WINS IN FIRST ROUND OF GIRARD CASE

Washington, June 11. The government won today its fight to keep confidential documents about the case of Army Specialist William S. Girard out of open court.

FILM ON LIFE OF HALSEY

New York, June 11. Actors James Cagney and Robert Montgomery announced today they will make a full-length movie on the life of retired Fleet Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey with Cagney playing the role of the wartime Pacific Third Fleet commander.

A contract covering production details was signed by the actors and Halsey, now a member of the board of directors of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, at the Admiral's office here this morning.

Halsey, who retired from active duty in 1947, is currently conducting a campaign to save the carrier Enterprise, once his flagship, from being scrapped.—United Press.

REJECTED

The subpoenas also had called for the personal appearance in court of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson and Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker. This also was rejected. The action did not affect a separate attempt by the lawyers to have the young soldier snatched out of reach of Japanese courts and brought here for a Federal court hearing.

Attorneys for the government and Girard immediately opened arguments on this phase of the legal battle after McGarrugh's ruling.

IN RECORD

In rejecting the demand that the government bring its files in the case, the judge said, "all the facts which are material are in the record." During the morning session, US attorney Oliver Guich argued that the US courts have no right to upset President Eisenhower's executive decision to turn Girard over to Japan for manslaughter trial.—United Press.

Offer Still Open

Washington, June 11. A United States offer to exchange with the Soviet Union half an hour's equal radio time a month to explain rival policies to each other's people was still open, Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said today.—Reuter.

POLICE FOIL KIDNAPPERS' PLOT

Clinton, S.C., June 11. The police today disclosed a bungled plot to kidnap the four-year-old son of a banker for \$350,000 ransom.

The grandson of the founder of Presbyterian College and two negroes were charged with planning the abduction. The police said the alleged plot was foiled at almost the moment it was to have been carried out yesterday afternoon. The negro who allegedly was to have stolen the child, and his father-in-

law were seized secretly by police, who then set a trap for the third man.

The police said they learned of the plot on February 15 and had been watching the three men ever since. They would not say who tipped off the police.

Thomas Jacobs, 59, a member of a prominent Clinton family, was arrested last night when he went out to pick up the ransom money, thinking the kidnapping had taken place on schedule, the police said.

Jacobs was identified as a grandson of William Jacobs, founder of Presbyterian College and Thernwell Orphanage at Clinton.

About six hours before Jacobs was arrested, the police picked up Jobie Shelton, 28, negro, who had been scheduled to do the actual kidnapping of Robert M. Vance Jr., son of the president of the MS Bank and Sons Bank of Clinton. Later, the police arrested William Hill, 60, Shelton's father-in-law.—United Press.

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CAMPAIGN TO FOSTER HATRED

PAYMENTS CUT BY HALF

Washington, June 11. The State Department announced today that West Germany would contribute 77 million dollars towards the cost of maintaining United States troops in Germany this year.

The agreed amount is half the total of West Germany's contribution last year. State Department officials said that although the payment to the United States was cut, the West German payment to Britain, which had been facing certain financial problems, was increased.

The State Department published an exchange of notes, dated June 7, covering the agreement. The United States note said the reduced German payment would cover only a fraction of the costs in Deutschland required to maintain United States Forces in West Germany assigned to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

RESERVE RIGHT

"In agreeing to the proposal of the Federal Republic, the Government of the United States, therefore, reserves the right to raise with the Federal Republic the question of additional aid for these forces," it added.

It proposed a review of the agreement in the last quarter of 1957 if the United States requested a review.

The German Government, in its note, said it would be ready to discuss the matter further if the United States so requested.

—Reuter.

UK TO AID KOREA IF ATTACKED

London, June 11. A South Korean official said here today that Britain had promised to go to her aid if the country were again invaded by Communist forces.

The official, a spokesman for Dr. Youn Chai Yang, South Korean Ambassador to the United States, said Dr. Yang was told this during a call today on Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary.

Dr. Yang is here on a short goodwill mission on behalf of President Syngman Rhee.

—Reuter.

Allegations Of Torture On Cyprus Denied

London, June 11. Britain today issued a 4,000-word statement denying, point by point, allegations of brutality and torture by British forces in her troubled Mediterranean island colony of Cyprus.

Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Governor of Cyprus, declared in a foreword to the document: "The forces of law and order must not allow themselves to be contaminated by the brutal and unprincipled men with whom they have to contend."

Widespread Phone Tapping

London, June 11. Mr. Stanley Mayne, Secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, said in London today that telephone tapping was "very widespread" in Britain.

"It is well known that the tapping of telephones is going on in a very widespread manner," said Mr. Mayne in a statement issued as Secretary of a movement called "The campaign for the limitation of secret police powers."

Every post office engineer at both technical and professional levels knew that tapping was going on, he added.

This was "completely scandalous" and could only be a thoroughly bad thing in a democracy.

Mr. Mayne was referring to the disclosure by Mr. R. A. Butler, Home Secretary, in the House of Commons last week that a lawyer's private phone conversation had been tapped in "wholly exceptional circumstances." —China Mail Special.

Amman, June 11. Jordan today denied Egyptian accusations of a Jordanian plot against Egyptian diplomats in connection with the expulsion of an Egyptian military attaché in Amman. —China Mail Special.

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He said that Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Cypriot Union With Greece Movement, Colonel Grivas, leader of the EOKA terrorist organisation, and the Greek Government had created a "fantastic illusion of Cyprus in the grip of British terrorism."

Meagre Basis

This had been done on a "meagre basis" of facts.

(Archbishop Makarios, in a recent letter to Mr. Harold Macmillan, British Prime Minister, alleged that "methods of unspeakable torture are being employed in increased measure" in Cyprus.)

Sir John Harding said that the accusations were part of a carefully organised campaign calculated to foster hatred against the British security forces. Colonel Grivas had had at his disposal "the whole power of propaganda of a church given over to political subversion." He had also been able to rely on the support of the Greek and Cypriot press and the official publicity organs of the Greek Government.

The island Governor said it would be unrealistic, when men were fighting terrorism, to leave out the possibility of "occasional rough handling of terrorists in the heat of the moment when their capture is being effected."

Beyond that, there had been a very few cases where the courts had found fault with the police for the way in which evidence of terrorist offences was obtained.

Isolated Case

In no such case, however, had the court accepted allegations of torture or ill-treatment against the security forces. There was only one isolated case in which two army officers were found guilty of assaulting a prisoner.

The statement, by the Cyprus Government, denied stories broadcast by Athens Radio that suspects had been "roughly handled" or "tortured" in the heat of the moment when their capture is being effected. The document detailed the only seven cases in which charges of misconduct by police or army officers had been brought to court.

The government, it said, had shown itself fully prepared to inquire into all allegations, even of minor misconduct.

"If indeed this was not so, one would have expected to find a large number of private prosecutions being instituted against individual police or military officers for assault or similar injuries. In fact, since the emergency started, there have been only nine such cases. In only two did the case proceed as far as preliminary inquiry."

Traditions

A very large number of the police officers accused of "monstrous conduct" were in fact members of United Kingdom police forces "whose traditions of restraint and humanity have long been the admiration of the civilised world."

The statement said it was unlikely that such men should, on arrival in Cyprus, "apparently turn into typical members of Hitler's Gestapo."

Aims of the campaign of denigration were clearly to weaken the resolution of the security forces through reluctance to be involved in "filthy accusations," and to provide a form of defence for terrorist criminals who had admitted their offences to the police.

The document quoted Sir John Harding for saying a public inquiry at present would play into the hands of the defence of the government. "It would do more harm than good, not because the government had anything to hide; but because it would focus attention on malicious allegations — just what EOKA and its supporters wanted."

—China Mail Special.



Socialist leader of St Pancras Council, Mr John Lawrence, demonstrating outside the borough's Civil Defence headquarters last week. —Express Photo.

PASTRIES & DESSERTS CAUSE OF IKE'S ILLNESS?

Washington, June 11. The White House announced today that President Eisenhower would not hold his usual press conference tomorrow.

Mr James Hagerty, the White House Press Secretary, explained that the President would keep to a light schedule until he had fully recovered from his stomach upset.

The White House said that President Eisenhower "has almost completed his recovery from a mild stomach upset."

It said: "His temperature is normal. His blood pressure is 124/80. His pulse is 74. His respiration is 18. His weight is 172½ pounds."

HIS LUNCH

For lunch, Mr Eisenhower had prunes, fried chicken, whole wheat toast and honey, and a glass of skim milk.

LEBANON ALLEGATIONS REJECTED

Moscow, June 11. The Soviet Government today rejected in a note to the Lebanon indirect allegations that the Soviet Union had connections with the activities of forces working against the policy of the present Lebanese government.

The Soviet note, handed to the Lebanese Foreign Ministry by the Russian Ambassador in Beirut, Mr Sergei Kiktev, concerned allegations made by the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Dr Charles Malik, during a conversation with the Ambassador, the Agency said.

DOMESTIC

The note said that the activities of Lebanese civil organisations was an exclusively domestic affair of the Lebanese people.

If these organisations were opposed to the foreign policy now being pursued by the Lebanese Government, the reason for this should, by no means be sought in the Soviet Union's peaceful policy towards the Lebanon, it added.

—Reuter.

Eisenhower worked in his office for an hour and 45 minutes this morning.

After lunch, Eisenhower read for a while, then took a long nap. He was still sleeping after 4 o'clock and until he awoke there was to be no decision on his schedule for tomorrow.

ANOTHER DAY

Hagerty said the afternoon bulletin, prepared by the President's physician, Maj.-Gen. Howard Snyder, did not describe the President as having recovered completely because it would take another day or two for Eisenhower's stomach to return to normal.

Hagerty said it was the consensus of the three doctors who examined the President yesterday that his stomach upset was "brought on by a slight over-indulgence in some types of food" over a period of several days.

Under questioning, Hagerty said pastries or desserts might be included among the foods in which the President over-indulged. —United Press and Reuter.

POLICE CHARGE CROWD

Colombo, June 11. The Colombo police tonight made a baton charge against a crowd attempting to force their way to Premier Bandaranaike's residence. Several persons were injured.

The crowd marched on the Prime Minister's house after K. M. P. Rajaratna, leader of the Sinhalese language front appealed to the crowd at a public meeting to ask the Prime Minister to withdraw his concessions for the use of the Tamil language.

A strong police guard had been stationed at the Premier's residence in anticipation of trouble. The police charged, and the crowd retaliated by throwing stones and bottles. Afterwards, Rajaratna and four others joined economics lecturer, Felix Jayasinghe in a fast in protest against the language concession proposal. Rajaratna said they would fast to death if the concessions were not withdrawn. Armed police units were patrolling the city tonight. —France Press.

ADENAUER VIEWS MR K.

London, June 11. Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, was questioned in a British commercial television film about the American television interview with Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist Party Chief.

An interviewer asked him what he thought about Mr Khrushchev's proposal that Britain and America should withdraw from Germany and France and that the Soviet Union should quit Poland and Hungary.

RECALLED

Dr Adenauer answered that American forces would then be 5,000 kilometres away while the Russians would be only a few hundred kilometres from Germany.

He recalled that Mr Khrushchev had said that Hungary was a true People's Republic based on the will of the people and would last for hundreds of years.

This, said the Chancellor, revealed the appalling gulf between the mental processes of Mr Khrushchev and those of the free nations. —Reuter.

Mayflower Nears Journey's End

Plymouth, Mass., June 10. Mayflower II and her crew of 21, led by Captain Alan Villiers, geared the end of their voyage today.

—Reuter.

IMPEDIMENT TO CANAL TRANSIT GOING: DULLES

Washington, June 11. Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said today that current fiscal talks between Egypt and Suez Canal Users were removing an impediment to canal transit.

'Misinterpreted' Knowland Explains Meaning

Washington, June 11. William Knowland, US Senate Republican minority leader, said today that his suggestion that Norway should pull out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in exchange for a Soviet withdrawal from Hungary had been "misinterpreted."

Senator Knowland told a press conference that he had made the suggestion subject to Norwegian approval. He then quoted from a letter to the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, dated June 8, putting forward the suggestion.

THE LETTER

The letter said: "With the consent of our associates in the North Atlantic alliance including, of course, Norway, I would like that we could confront Soviet Communist Party chief, Nikita Khrushchev and the Soviet Union with the challenge to live up to their prior commitments and obligations and to test the popularity of ten years of Communist domination by giving the people of Hungary the opportunity of voting for a government of their choice in secret free elections under United Nations supervision."

Dulles had earlier rejected Knowland's suggestion. The Secretary of State told a press conference today that Norway should not be asked to withdraw from a collective security pact to which it still wished to adhere. —France Press.

MANCROFT NEW TORY MINISTER

London, June 12. Lord Mancroft has been appointed Minister without Portfolio in the Conservative Government in succession to the Earl of Munster, who has resigned.

Lord Mancroft was formerly Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Defence.

The Earl of Munster has resigned his £3,000 sterling a year post because he wishes to devote more of his time to work within the Conservative Party organisation. He explained this in a letter to Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, published today with the announcement of his successor.

Lord Mancroft has been Chairman of the Association of Conservative Clubs since 1949, and is also Deputy Chairman of the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. —Reuter.

Mr Dulles was asked at his press conference if he thought Egypt was moving closer to acceptance of the six principles which the United Nations Security Council adopted last year for the operation of the Suez Canal.

INSULATION

The most important of these principles were those guaranteeing the insulation of the canal from the politics of any nation and guaranteeing free passage without discrimination.

Mr Dulles said there was no new development along the lines of the six principles other than the bilateral talks which some six nations were conducting with Egypt in connection with the easing of conditions of transit from a fiscal standpoint.

This was a reference to Egypt's agreement to accept tolls in currencies other than those she had demanded originally.

ONE ASPECT

The Secretary of State said the talks was one aspect of bringing the Suez Canal into line with the six principles in that it did away with monetary restrictions which might be an impediment.

He said that France was about to conclude such discussions with Egypt, but apart from that, no progress had been made. —Reuter.

Wage Offer Accepted

London, June 11. Leaders of Britain's shipbuilding unions today accepted an offer of wage increases ranging from nine to 11 shillings sterling a week from employers and settled a year-old pay dispute which sparked a nationwide strike earlier this year.

The union leaders also agreed to the employers' terms for a wage "freeze" for at least 12 months and thus followed the recommendations of government-appointed courts of inquiry which investigated the causes of the strikes by shipyard and engineering workers last March.

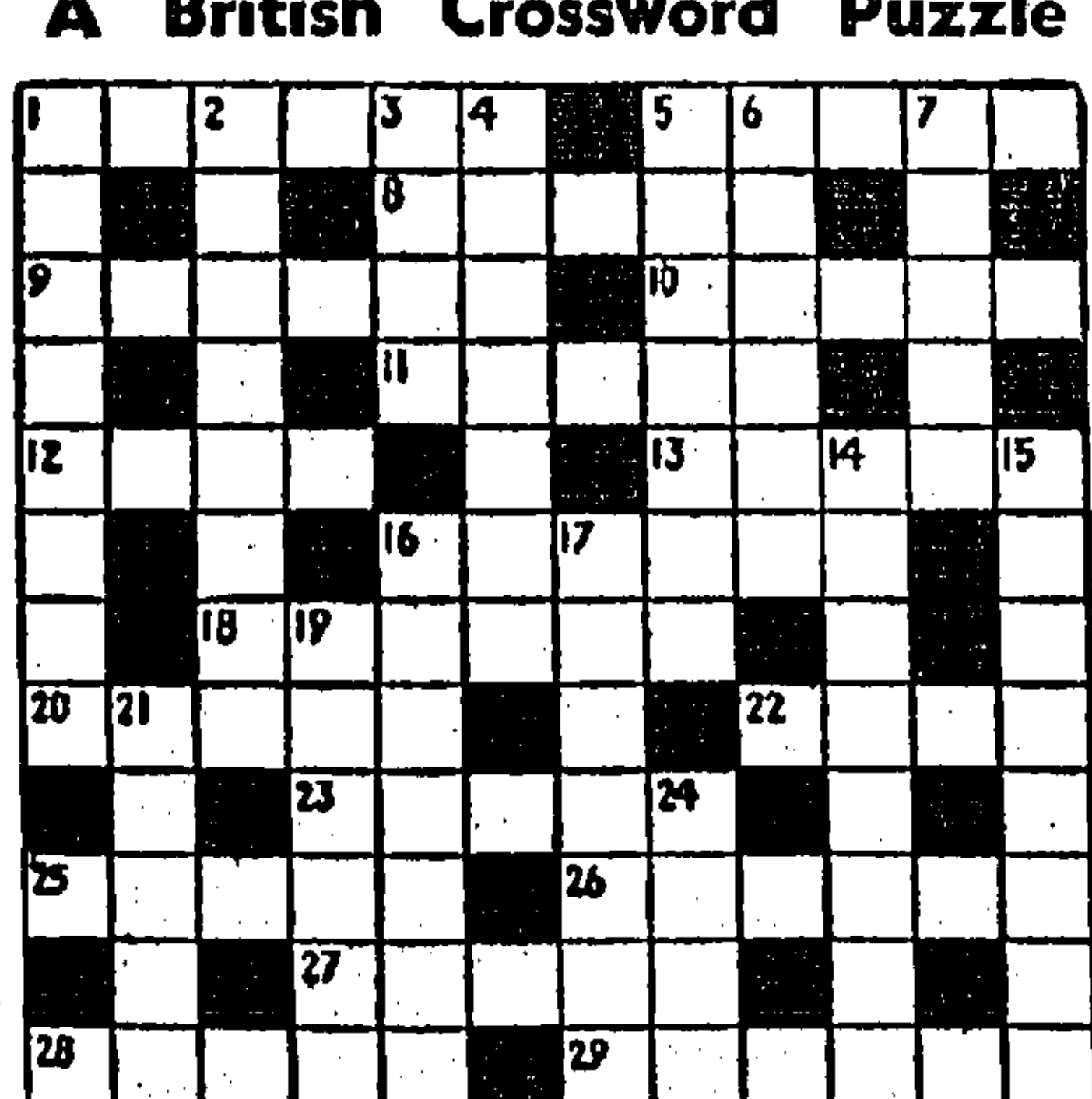
The shipbuilding unions today succeeded in obtaining agreement from the employers that the wage "freeze" would operate only if no "special factors" arose within the next year.

These "special factors" were understood to mean that if there was a steep rise in the cost of living in this period, the union would be free to put in for pay increases.

The shipbuilding union leaders, unlike their engineering colleagues, made no agreement today to end restrictive practices among their members.

Both employers and union representatives have agreed to meet again on this point. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 It's no credit to you to be one (6).
 - 5 How do you get in these boats? (5).
 - 8 Confused conflict (5).
 - 9 Surface provided by sailor and Scot (6).
 - 10 Pay for the propeller (5).
 - 11 Bill may call upon you to do so! (5).
 - 12 On the sheltered side (4).
 - 13 They aren't safe to take (5).
 - 16 Take your pick (6).
 - 18 Dodge a girl with a little boy (6).
 - 20 Upholsterer's material (5).
 - 22 Children of the devil (4).
 - 23 One of those file and start (5).
 - 25 Once royal song (5).
 - 26 On which to put paintings of decepted animals? (6).
 - 27 Taken in hand on the turf (5).
 - 28 Collect a lot (5).
 - 29 Team to blast (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Isn't complimentary about darts, etc (3).
 - 2 One who gives and gets the goods (8).
 - 3 General Bradley? (4).
 - 4 Took a retrograde course? (7).
 - 5 The wishes of Sid Rees (7).
 - 6 Feverish (6).
 - 7 Does it have to be wrinkled out? (5).
 - 14 Rush to impress a former Home Secretary (8).
 - 15 Six buses, yet lives! (8).
 - 16 Only specimens, yet they're more than plenty (7).
 - 17 Makes cuts in education, we hear (7).
 - 18 Ancient means of saving face (6).
 - 21 Are you lucky to have 11? (6).
 - 24 Companion of the sausage (4).
- TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.** —Across: 3 Damp, 7 Salpe, 8 Onus, 9 S-shed, 10 11-rod, 12 Dial, 13 Alect, 14 Ship (watch), 15 16th, 17 Ship, 18 A-rod, 19 20, 21 22, 23 Dals, 24 Auditor, 25 Ship, 26 27, 28 29, 30 31, 32 33, 34 35, 36 37, 38 39, 40 41, 42 43, 44 45, 46 47, 48 49, 50 51, 52 53, 54 55, 56 57, 58 59, 60 61, 62 63, 64 65, 66 67, 68 69, 70 71, 72 73, 74 75, 76 77, 78 79, 80 81, 82 83, 84 85, 86 87, 88 89, 90 91, 92 93, 94 95, 96 97, 98 99, 100 101, 102 103, 104 105, 106 107, 108 109, 110 111, 112 113, 114 115, 116 117, 118 119, 120 121, 122 123, 124 125, 126 127, 128 129, 130 131, 132 133, 134 135, 136 137, 138 139, 140 141, 142 143, 144 145, 146 147, 148 149, 150 151, 152 153, 154 155, 156 157, 158 159, 160 161, 162 163, 164 165, 166 167, 168 169, 170 171, 172 173, 174 175, 176 177, 178 179, 180 181, 182 183, 184 185, 186 187, 188 189, 190 191, 192 193, 194 195, 196 197, 198 199, 200 201, 202 203, 204 205, 206 207, 208 209, 210 211, 212 213, 214 215, 216 217, 218 219, 220 221, 222 223, 224 225, 226 227, 228 229, 230 231, 232 233, 234 235, 236 237, 238 239, 240 241, 242 243, 244 245, 246 247, 248 249, 250 251, 252 253, 254 255, 256 257, 258 259, 260 261, 262 263, 264 265, 266 267, 268 269, 270 271, 272 273, 274 275, 276 277, 278 279, 280 281, 282 283, 284 285, 286 287, 288 289, 290 291, 292 293, 294 295, 296 297, 298 299, 300 301, 302 303, 304 305, 306 307, 308 309, 310 311, 312 313, 314 315, 316 317, 318 319, 320 321, 322 323, 324 325, 326 327, 328 329, 330 331, 332 333, 334 335, 336 337, 338 339, 340 341, 342 343, 344 345, 346 347, 348 349, 350 351, 352 353, 354 355, 356 357, 358 359, 360 361, 362 363, 364 365, 366 367, 368 369, 370 371, 372 373, 374 375, 376 377, 378 379, 380 381, 382 383, 384 385, 386 387, 388 389, 390 391, 392 393, 394 395, 396 397, 398 399, 400 401, 402 403, 404 405, 406 407, 408 409, 410 411, 412 413, 414 415, 416 417, 418 419, 420 421, 422 423, 424 425, 426 427, 428 429, 430 431, 432 433, 434 435, 436 437, 438 439, 440 441, 442 443, 444 445, 446 447, 448 449, 450 451, 452 453, 454 455, 456 457, 458 459, 460 461, 462 463, 464 465, 466 467, 468 469, 470 471, 472 473, 474 475, 476 477, 478 479, 480 481, 482 483, 484 485, 486 487, 488 489, 490 491, 492 493, 494 495, 496 497, 498 499, 500 501, 502 503, 504 505, 506 507, 508 509, 510 511, 512 513, 514 515, 516 517, 518 519, 520 521, 522 523, 524 525, 526 527, 528 529, 530 531, 532 533, 534 535, 536 537, 538 539, 540 541, 542 543, 544 545, 546 547, 548 549, 550 551, 552 553, 554 555, 556 557, 558 559, 560 561, 562 563, 564 565, 566 567, 568 569, 570 571, 572 573, 574 575, 576 577, 578 579, 580 581, 582 583, 584 585, 586 587, 588 589, 590 591, 592 593, 594 595, 596 597, 598 599, 600 601, 602 603, 604 605, 606 607, 608 609, 610 611, 612 613, 614 615, 616 617, 618 619, 620 621, 622 623, 624 625, 626 627, 628 629, 630 631, 632 633, 634 635, 636 637, 638 639, 640 641, 642 643, 644 645, 646 647, 648 649, 650 651, 652 653, 654 655, 656 657, 658 659, 660 661, 662 663, 664 665, 666 667, 668 669, 670 671, 672 673, 674 675, 676 677, 678 679, 680 681, 682 683, 684 685, 686 687, 688 689, 690 691, 692 693, 694 695, 696 697, 698 699, 700 701, 702 703, 704 705, 706 707, 708 709, 710 711, 712 713, 714 715, 716 717, 718 719, 720 721, 722 723, 724 725, 726 727, 728 729, 730 731, 732 733, 734 735, 736 737, 738 739, 740 741, 742 743, 744 745, 746 747, 748 749, 750 751, 752 753, 754 755, 756 757, 758 759, 760 761, 762 763, 764 765, 766 767, 768 769, 770 771, 772 773, 774 775, 776 777, 778 779, 780 781, 782 783, 784 785, 786 787, 788 789, 790 791, 792 793, 794 795, 796 797, 798 799, 800 801, 802 803, 804 805, 806 807, 808 809, 810 811, 812 813, 814 815, 816 817, 818 819, 820 821, 822 823, 824 825, 826 827, 828 829, 830 831, 832 833, 834 835, 836 837, 838 839, 840 841, 842 843, 844 845, 846 847, 848 849, 850 851, 852 853, 854 855, 856 857, 858 859, 860 861, 862 863, 864 865, 866 867, 868 869, 870 871, 872 873, 874 875, 876 877, 878 879, 880 881, 882 883, 884 885, 886 887, 888 889, 890 891, 892 893, 894 895, 896 897, 898 899, 900 901, 902 903, 904 905, 906 907, 908 909, 910 911, 912 913, 914 915, 916 917, 918 919, 920 921, 922 923, 924 925, 926 927, 928 929, 930 931, 932 933, 934 935, 936 937, 938 939, 940 941, 942 943, 944 945, 946 947, 948 949, 950 951, 952 953, 954 955, 956 957, 958 959, 960 961,

HOW DID YOU SLEEP LAST NIGHT?

DID you sleep flat on your back last night? Or your stomach? Or curled up like a question-mark?

These are not trivial questions. For according to a book just out in America your sleeping habits give the whole clue to your character. For instance:—

If you sleep on your back, stretched out in all directions—you're a little Caesar, a potential judge, a would-be Girl Guide commandant.

If you curl up nose to knees—you're a timid, shy character, afraid of the boss, afraid of your job, afraid of head-walters.

If you make yourself as small as possible in bed—you're knee-deep in pessimism, permanently sunk in gloom. You always take an umbrella on holiday and wouldn't buy a car without a starting handle.

If you sleep on your stomach—you have a stubborn streak in your character. You rarely give in on any point, and your ideal mate is a nose-to-knees sleeper.

Best invention

The book reveals too that the senses leave you in this order when you go to sleep—first sight, then taste, then smell, hearing and touch.

(From this you will deduce that the easiest way to awaken anybody is to apply a blow-lump to their feet.)

According to Phyllis Roseleur—author of the book "Morpheus and Me"—sleep has been the subject of hundreds of inventions. The shoe alone is responsible for over 400.

Best of these, I suggest, is the Snore Cuff, which consists of a pair of wooden handcuffs—one of which is attached to the wrist, the other to a bedpost. On attempting to turn into the snoring position a man either awakes, dislocates his arm, or breaks the bedpost.

For insomniacs there is a charming invention consisting of a metal cylinder filled with pellets. This revolves slowly, simulating the sound of the sea. The book also lists several thousand types of alarms. Although none so effective as one they used in China several centuries ago.

This was called a cannon muddled. A burning glass could be set in advance to catch the rays of the sun. The heat from the glass then exploded the gun-powder. It proved tremendously effective—if one ignored

by Don Graham

the high casualty list next day and the number of Ming vases invariably shattered.

You should, says Phyllis Roseleur, take sleep seriously. After all, you spend one year out of three in your bed. Indeed, a man who lives out his allotted span of 70 years can actually remember only 47 of them.

Lots of eminent characters have been fascinated by it. Including Aristotle, who ruled that it was six hours' sleep for a man, seven for a woman, and eight for a fool. Which makes idiots of an awful lot of us.

Shakespeare thought highly enough of the business of sleeping to leave his second-best bed to his wife in his will.

Miss Roseleur earns my thanks for finally debunking the theory that leaping out of bed in the morning denotes health and joie de vivre and is a Good Thing To Do.

Rubbish, she says. It throws a great strain on the heart and is a damned silly thing to do. It is also quite likely to result in your demise at an early age.

The approved Getting Up Procedure is to lie quietly for a few moments, yawn deeply, stretch the limbs, and then roll to the side of the bed and sit up. All in slow motion.

Miss Roseleur reports that one of the surest ways to dispel insomnia is to take a short nap to keep from being too tired to sleep.

Drained off

Yes, it sounds like double talk, but it isn't—for a 15-minute nap in the afternoon will drain off the exhaustion that would otherwise be a barrier to sleep at night.

Come to think of it—have you ever met a Mexican, Spaniard or Italian who suffers from sleeplessness? That's because they never allow themselves to get so over-fatigued that they can't relax.

Another ghastly discovery—lighting a cigarette to soothe the nerves doesn't make sense, since tobacco has a tendency to increase the heart rate and inhibit sleep.

Tonight when you get into bed don't just take sleeping for granted. Think on these things. I guarantee you'll stay awake half the night....

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Nina takes me along the Eyewash Road

AFTER five days with the group of tourists at third-class rates (£3 a day approximately) I left them in Moscow to fly to the Crimea and the Black Sea. To travel alone (but with a compulsory interpreter) in Russia means I had to become what is called a "de luxe" traveller (£11 a day). This is strictly caviare-class travel. Cars and guides at every airport, and the sort of hotel suites that lived entirely up to my idea of a dictator's love nest. For a monolithic society Russia certainly turns up some surprising, if rather overblown, luxuries. I was to find.

Her theory

Nina was a large amiable girl, married for three years to a printing engineer and living with her in-laws in Moscow.

She sighed

Nina was drinking in my fashion magazines. A deodorant advertisement got a full two-minute scrutiny. She sighed: "Your women are so gracious."

We landed at Simferopol in the Crimea. There they told me that there was a three hours' car journey to Yalta.

For Nina it meant just more misery, as she got car sick too! But I was delighted. At last I shall see some frank, unadorned Russia, I thought. I was getting rather tired of the way everything I had seen so far seemed to be painted up for the tourist.

Typical

They had really overdone it. It was a typical Russian road, thought, then the Russians' greatest output must be in statues.

All the houses along the road were either new or had had their ramshackle defects obliterated with paint.

And this, Nina told me twice, was the only road into Yalta.

Eyewash apart, the Crimea is lovely.

Hills like green astrakhan caps, wooded to their summits. Blossom, blue sea, cypresses and an engaging, darker but less-gullen looking people. Tartar girls in trousers put out their tongues. One of them actually threw something at the car—which was a fair indication of what she thought of the car-riding, eyewash-providing elite.

Quiet, dull

Yalta, which might be described as the Cannes of the Russian Riviera, is a quiet, dull, beautiful place. There is nothing to do. Just sanatoria and no sense of being at the seaside at all.

I went to Livadiya, the former Tsar's villa where the Yalta conference was held, and was shown only what used to be the imperial chapel. Under a blazing mosaic of the Crucifixion, Russian convalescents were playing a lively game of billiards.

But Livadiya was nothing, Nina assured me. I must come to see their new sanatorium. There was a real palace.

I TRAVEL TOURIST TO RUSSIA... by ANNE SHARPLEY

THE STORY OF AN ORDINARY SIGHTSEER'S EXTRAORDINARY TRIP BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN



Nina, my guide, poses before a silver-painted statue, one of many that line the 'only' road into Yalta

We drove to look it over. Just completed, it is a building that would make Nero feel like an odd-job man. Two hundred Corinthian columns each 30ft. high, encircle the sanatorium. "How many beds?" I asked Nina. "A hundred," she replied.

Which makes sure by Corinthian column rather an expensive business, assuming Russian columns cost the same as English—£500 each.

In the sanatorium the patients were seeing a film that would

have them rolling in the aisles in Scunthorpe.

Silence

It was an Industrial Romance. Every time a piece of steel swung across the screen we got the searing music that in Hollywood is usually reserved for the love scenes. The lovers got a blank silence and little chance to express emotion about anything except steel construction.

In Yalta I made my first effort to get the rock 'n' roll records I had brought from London on to a gramophone. Zenia, a jazz-hungry Russian youth who conducted Nina and me round, lit up like a neon sign when I said I had the records. We set off to find a record-player.

Yet whenever we went to a place where Zenia positively knew there was a record-player, it just happened to be under repair or unavailable.

There was still, it seemed, something a little dangerous about playing Western jazz. Nobody quite liked to take the risk.

I asked Nina: "Show me where Florence Nightingale nursed soldiers in the Crimean war."

She looked blank. She had never heard of Florence Nightingale.

Together we found a map, and I searched for Scutari where the barracks hospital had been. It was not marked on the map.

Nina knew that military nursing began in the Crimean war. But it was the Russians who started it, she said.

On the map I noticed that there was an alternative road to Simferopol, where we were returning next day.

"Let's go back by that road," I said. It was plainly marked as a first-class road, and even a bus route. If I had suggested blowing up the road, Nina could not have greeted my suggestion with greater horror.

I was quite frank, and explained to her that I wanted to see what Russia looked like when it wasn't all painted up for tourists.

Quietly

So many excuses and reasons were given for not taking the road that I stopped trying. But I quietly increased my determination to get through the Eyewash Barrier.

And that is exactly what I did in Sochi, the next place I visited.

TOMORROW: I GET MY CAMERA GRABBED

TERROR IN BELGIUM

Fear Of The Knife

Brussels. Police admit they are almost powerless to stop the killers who slip across the border from France to Belgium to carry out their bitter reprisal raids.

In the last four months, there have been twenty mysterious knifings as France's war against the Algerian terrorists spills over into Belgium's quiet cobbled streets.

The killers are knife-wielding Algerian political gangsters, according to the Belgian police.

Their victims are carefully chosen from some 5,000 Algerians who work in the Belgian coalmines—men who close to live in peace as respected members of the Belgian community and refuse to subscribe to the Algerian terrorists' fighting fund.

If they refuse to pay, the knife strikes—silently on the

doorstep of a house or outside some local cafe. The killers are carefully briefed by the tip-off men in Belgium before they cross the French border on their murderous mission.

Belgians who live in the terror areas are demanding police action.

A Belgian police officer said, "It is almost impossible to stop the raids. We know the killers come from Northern France. As Algerians, they are French nationals so they can cross the border with an identity card. They do not need passports."

He went on: "In the last year we have deported 81 Algerians. They were known to be political tip-off men. Some of the men who denounced them to us have been victims of the over-the-border attacks. Now it is impossible to get any of the Algerian miners to talk. They live in constant fear."

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"This one's mine—send him home with a Tony Curtis if you dare."

SURREY RETURN TO THE TOP OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

TONY LOCK APPEALS



Aggressive England in the closing stages of the first Test match against the West Indies at Edgbaston. Picture shows umpire Elliott, Lock appealing, Insole, Trueman, May, Evans, West Indian skipper Goddard batting, Close and Bailey.—Central Press Photo.

An English Observer Writes Of The Discord In Scottish Football Circles

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

"Sack the Selectors" is a common enough cry in Scotland now that the World Cup qualifying prospects have been menaced by the sad happenings in Madrid, but while it is easy enough to call for heads let us consider the tales.

We have heard plenty of tales, some fantastic, others pathetically petty, and yet, taking the impartial view of an Englishman, I agree with the extremists that there should be an immediate and thorough investigation into the causes of discord which split the SFA officials and later spread to the players on their tour of Switzerland, West Germany and Spain.

Don't fall for the soft soap baloney that there's no justification for any such inquest. Apart from what I saw in Stuttgart, there was plenty of evidence in Madrid to demand the setting up of a commission of inquiry to probe and discover why the wonderful prestige and glamour of Scotland's footballers, ruined by technique and team spirit at Hampden, Basle and Stuttgart, was needlessly thrown away in Spain, not on the field of play, but by a stroke of the pen more than 24 hours before the kick-off.

BEFORE THE BANQUET

As we stood sipping aperitifs before the banquet after the Spaniards had blighted the lives of all but Bobby Collins, Tommy Docherty and Tommy Young, an SFA official came up to me and

1st Division Bowls Match Today

The following players have been selected to represent KBGC and Recreio respectively in a postponed First Division lawn bowls league game to be played to-day at King's Park.

KBGC

L. Gaddi, A. Hutton, M. Purvis, C. Rounsefell (Skip), G. Jefferson, T. Gasson, I. Crook, A. Eastman (Skip), S. Bichard, G. Leslie, L. Parker, E. Liddell (Skip).

Recreio

F. X. M. da Silva, E. M. Alarcão, J. E. Noronha, R. F. da Luz (Skip), A. P. Pereira Jr., L. M. Rodrigues, C. E. Frazão, J. F. V. Ribeiro (Skip), J. A. da Luz, C. Roza-Pereira, C. C. Pereira, A. A. Lopes (Skip).

Turpin Retains British Title

Leicester, June 11.—Randolph Turpin of Leamington, Warwickshire, retained his British Light-Heavyweight title here tonight when he out-pointed Arthur Howard, of Lillingdon, London, over 15 rounds.—Reuter.

KENT TENNIS

London, June 11.—Herb Rasmussen of the United States beat Billie P. Lull in straight sets today in the third round of the men's singles of the Kent Lawn Tennis Championships at Beckenham by 14-12, 6-2.—France-Press.

Roy Marshall Hits The Fastest Century Of The Season

London, June 11.

Roy Marshall, Hampshire's former West Indies Test opening batsman, hit the fastest century of the season in 66 minutes against Kent at Southampton today.

His 100 came out of 114 and included 20 fours, enabling Hampshire to declare with a lead of 179. But they could not dismiss Kent in the time and the match was drawn.

Stuart Leary, the South African all-rounder, had earlier given Kent first innings lead with his second century of the season, made in 160 minutes. This earned Leary his county cap.

Jim Laker returned his best figures of the season—seven for 16—at Trent Bridge to give Surrey an innings victory over Nottinghamshire. As a result, the reigning Champions returned to the top of the table with 80 points.

DERBYSHIRE LOSE

Derbyshire, who had held the leading position, could get no points from Warwickshire at Edgbaston, losing by nine wickets. Eric Hollies, 45 last week, took five second innings wickets for 47 in 38 overs with his leg spinners. Derbyshire remain second with 84 points.

Jack Manning, the Australian, slow left arm spinner, celebrated his 33rd birthday by taking five Leicestershire wickets for 48 at Northampton to give the home county an innings victory worth 14 points. Leicestershire were out for 133 in their second innings with Michael Allen, another left arm slow bowler, taking three for 24.

"ROSES" MATCH

In the many drawn games, Yorkshire came closest to winning when they had one Lancashire wicket to capture with 48 runs in hand. Set to get 224 to win in 185 minutes, Lancashire began well with Ken Grieves hitting 50, but could not sustain the pace and just held out.

Colin McCool, Somerset's Australian all-rounder, hit 100 not out in 150 minutes with 14 fours off the Gloucestershire attack at Taunton, but could not prevent the visitors from taking four points.

Gloucestershire led by 120 and although Somerset wiped off the arrears when they declared at 220 for five, there was not enough time for Gloucestershire to bat.

Middlesex gained 14 points with a win by 54 runs over Sussex at Lord's. Sussex were set 238 to win at 98 an hour but collapsed after a good start and were all out for 183.

Leading positions in the table at the end of the day were:

Surrey 90 points, Derbyshire 84, Lancashire 70, Middlesex 58, Northamptonshire 50.

THE RESULTS

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Derbyshire by nine wickets. Derbyshire 190 and 172 (Hollies five for 47). Warwickshire 238 and 130 for one (Gardner 55). (Warwickshire 12 points).

At Southampton: Match drawn. Hampshire 343 for six declared and 180 for one.

FIRST ASIAN RAILWAY GAMES

New Delhi, June 11.—A total of 25 countries from Asia and the Middle East have been invited to compete in the first Asian Railway Games to be held in New Delhi during the first and second week of December. It was announced here today.

Athletics, football and hockey will be the main events in the games.—France-Press.

Sassoon Tells A Secret: 'My Niece Owns Crepello'

A Derby secret leaked out at midnight the other night, Sir Victor Sassoon, millionaire banker, revealed that the owner of the winner, Crepello, is his niece, attractive, dark-haired Mrs Denise Fitzpatrick.

Sir Victor had entertained a party of 14 friends to a celebration dinner at the Savoy. Throughout the evening people congratulated him on his success, while his niece sat quietly at the other end of the long table.

But Sir Victor said to me: "I am not really the owner of the horse. It is owned by the Sassoon family, near Newmarket, and my niece owns all the shares but two of the stud."

"I am the banker, the adviser, the secretary and friend, but not the owner."

£2 TO WIN

Mrs Fitzpatrick, who lives at Phillimore - place, Kensington, wore a black nylon tulle dress to the party. "This is a wonderful evening," she said.

Did she back Crepello? She had £2 to win at 7-1.

Crepello won "without ever going into top gear," his jockey, 21-year-old Lester Piggott, said after the race.

The shortest-priced winner since Bahram in 1935 landed £5,000,000 for the punters. Crepello opened in the betting at 2-1 but huge sums forced his price down to 6-4.

Pinza and Sir Gordon Richards won the Derby for Sir Victor Sassoon in 1953 after Sir Victor had been trying for a lifetime. It was Piggott's second Derby success. He won on Never Say Die in 1954.

HE MISSES PARTY

Piggott, who hates fuss and limelight away from the racecourse, was invited to the Savoy party, but he did not attend.

He drove himself to his father's home at Lambourn, Berkshire. "When I won on Never Say Die I celebrated by cutting the lawn," he said. "I haven't cut it since. Perhaps I'll give it another treat soon."

For many bookmakers it was the worst Derby in years: William Hill's have paid out more than £200,000.



THE REAL OWNER

Worrell In Team To Play Surrey

London, June 11.—Frankie Worrell, injured in the first Test match, returns to the West Indies side against Surrey, the Cheltenham county, at the Oval tomorrow.

Worrell, Valentine and Gilchrist, also hurt, are making good progress, but cannot play yet. John Goddard, the captain, said today that he hopes all three will be available for the second Test which starts at Lord's on June 20.

The team against Surrey is: J. D. Goddard, N. Aspinall, Roiban Karam, B. H. Parnaudau, E. D. Weekes, F. M. Worrell, G. Sobers, T. Smith, S. Burnshin, W. H. Hall and T. Dewdney.

The tourists have not lost a match against a county side so far.—France-Press.

OUT TO THIS HIT



Colin Cowdrey, who made 154 against the West Indies at Edgbaston, making the stroke that led to him being caught almost on the boundary line.—Central Press Photo.

PAY SOCCER STARS FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORTH

Says ARTHUR WALMSLEY

Lira-loaded Italians are putting British soccer in a pretty pickle.

This time it is the money-bags of Milan which are being jingled temptingly in the ears of England and Manchester United centre-forward Tommy Taylor—to the tune of £10,000 pin money for the player and £55,000 for his club.

Manchester United, who have stashed up so much sterling themselves in the last few years that they can afford to be rude to their bank manager if the mood takes them, have no liking for the lira—but to Tommy Taylor that £10,000 makes sweet music.

If Taylor is set on leaving, should United let him go? That is the problem at Old Trafford, Manchester United's ground, but in its broader aspect, it is one which has to be faced by football as a whole.

It could be argued in Taylor's favour that his club should not stand in the way of his acceptance of an offer which would make him a rich man overnight. What Leeds United did for John Charles, surely Manchester United, rich in reserve talent, should do for Tommy Taylor.

Or should they? I submit the Charles and Taylor cases are not such exact parallels.

BENIGN ATTITUDE

Without wishing to take any of the credit from Leeds United for their benign attitude towards Charles, I must point out that the need for that big money transfer fee at Elland Road, Leeds, was a little more pressing than it is at Old Trafford.

Nor was there any real danger that the Italians would further plunder the playing staff of Elland Road once the board had created the precedent of letting Charles go.

But if Manchester United say "Yes" to Taylor, what do they say if offers start pouring in for that priceless soccer asset, Duncan Edwards, whom I rate the prize possible export, and others of their star-studded side?

Do they deny Edwards, and his teammates, the get-rich-charge they granted Taylor and so face innumerable winters of dressing-room discontent? Or do they play the noble role, bless them all, and commit soccer suicide by destroying the work of 10 years brilliant team-building?

Whatever United decide about Tommy Taylor, will settle nothing for the League as a whole. The problem is too big.

IAN CRAIG CONTRIBUTES 127 & 44

London, June 11.—Ian Craig, the Australian Test captain, played a large part in helping his side, the Free Foresters, beat Cambridge University in their three-day match at Faversham.

Craig, who is pursuing his pharmaceutical studies in London, was top scorer with 127 in the Free Foresters' first innings and was second highest scorer in the second innings, hitting a quick 44.

It was Craig's first serious game since he arrived in this country earlier this year. The Free Foresters declared their second innings at 720 for five, leaving the Varsity side to get 202 in two and a quarter hours.

The Cantabs, despite two fine knocks by Gamilal Goonesena of Colombo, who batted enterprisingly for his two half-centuries, just failed to get home, losing by 18 runs.

A. D. Buckingham, another Australian player, who scored 61 for the Free Foresters in their first innings, was dismissed for four in the second innings.—France-Press.

THE GAMBOLS



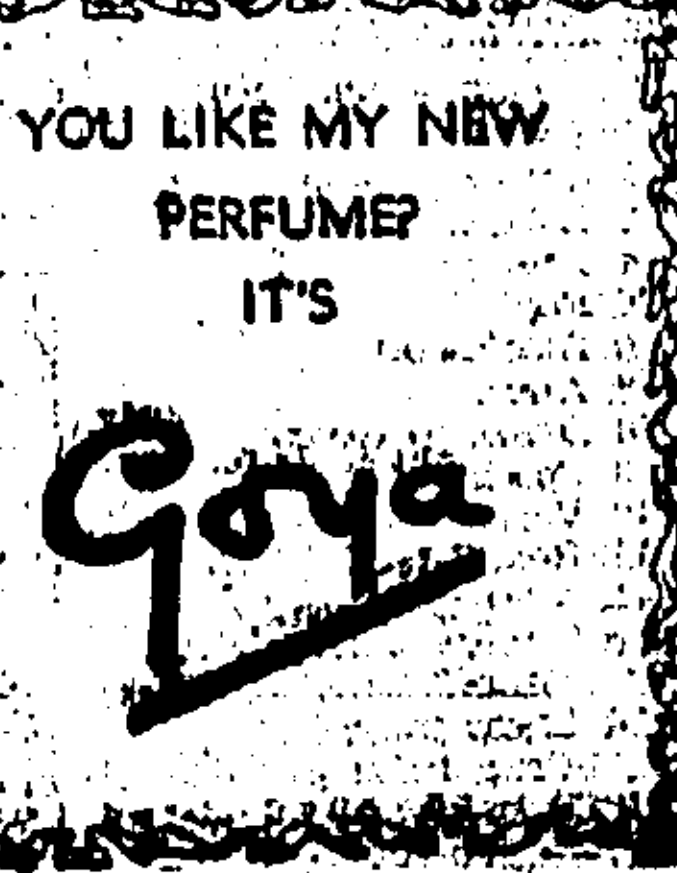
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28th June, 1957, at 12 Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1957, and electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
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Hong Kong, 12th June, 1957.

NOTICE

THE SHEK O COUNTRY CLUB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of THE SHEK O COUNTRY CLUB will be held at the Club House, Shek O, on Friday, the 28th June, 1957, at 6.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee for the Year ended 31st March, 1957, and to elect the Committee for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the new Committee must be in the hands of the Secretaries not later than Friday, the 21st June, 1957.

Week-day Members are cordially invited to attend the Meeting.

Members desirous of attending the ensuing INFORMAL COCKTAIL PARTY are kindly requested to fill in the circular already sent to them, and return it to the undersigned as soon as possible.

By Order of the General Committee,
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Hong Kong, 12th June, 1957.

A SOCIAL HISTORY OF CHINA Through The Eyes Of One Family

by William Smyly

A Chinese film, technically better than anything yet produced in Hong-kong, started its run at the Cathay and Shin Wah theatres last week. And the run looks as if it may be quite a long one.

The fact concerns Hongkong in several ways. First, because Communist film companies here produce a large amount of the film material used at present on the Chinese mainland. Their whole production goes into China—but they represent a fairly prosperous local industry.

Communist films are produced here because of the availability of talent and materials for complicated technical productions. If studios on the Chinese mainland learn that they can do a better job of work than Hongkong studios, there is no reason to suppose that China's financial subsidy of Hongkong studios will continue. And if that support is withdrawn—so much the worse for Hongkong.

One Of The Best

But it may concern Hongkong too by offering a wider, instead of a smaller market. This picture "Family" is an honest piece of film making. Although it runs on a propaganda theme, the treatment is fair. It could be shown as straight entertainment in any part of the world. It is one of the best Communist-made films of recent years and could hardly be improved on for world distribution.

Technically—the photography and the sound—are better than anything I have seen or heard from local studios.

If this film is not an exception it could imply that artistic standards are rising on the Chinese mainland, and that the insistence on harsh propaganda

is not so rigid. It could mean that, if Hongkong quality improves a little, that more films could be sent to the Chinese mainland—and that even non-Communist film companies may find a market for all but their more errantly "Western" or "anti-Communist" productions.

No Neutrals

An influential "anti-Communist" film executive put the situation to me this way:

"In Hongkong there is no neutral film company. Either a film is made by a Communist company and shown inside China, or it is made by a non-Communist company and shown outside. The non-Communist companies face a very difficult situation because the market for Chinese films is so small. Very few films are able to pay for their costs."

The result of opening the Chinese market to selected Hongkong-made films would probably be to switch production from the present style of film—mostly drawing room comedy type productions of a Westernised kind society—to a more Chinese type of society and story, and possibly focus the cameras more on the peasant than the businessman.

But "Family" may be a freak. It may have slipped through the Communist system because of a long and complicated history. The story is part of a trilogy written by the author Ba Jing—and has been filmed several times. This first section deals with the collapse, about 1920, of an old Chinese family in Szechuan. The second section "Spring" takes the heroes down to Shanghai. And the third, "Autumn", completes a kind of social history of China between the collapse of the dynasty and the rise of Communism as seen through the eyes of one family.

Filmed In Shanghai

The first section, which is a tragedy, was filmed previously in Shanghai, and later in Hong-kong.

Thefts From Cars

Six cases of thefts from cars have been reported to the Police. Two suspects were arrested yesterday and this morning.

Among articles stolen were a handlamp, rim, windscreen wipers, an umbrella, a lady's handbag containing a fountain pen, a cigarette case and a pair of spectacles, and some clothing and papers. All these thefts occurred in Hongkong.

Carrier Leaves

The 38,000-ton American aircraft carrier Hornet, wearing the flag of Rear-Admiral T. J. Heddinger, Commander of Carrier Division 3, left port this morning after a week's recreational visit here.

The Hornet, a unit of the American Seventh Fleet, left in the company of four destroyers, the Minnesota, De Haven, Collett and Benner.

Mail Notices

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
 By Air
 Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
 Korea, 6 p.m.
 Indo-China, France, 3 p.m.
 Indonesia, 4 p.m.
 Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.
 Moscow, 6 p.m.
 THURSDAY, JUNE 13
 Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, Hsinchow, 7 a.m.
 Japan, 9 a.m.
 Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany & Great Britain, 10 a.m.
 Philippines, 1 p.m.
 Indo-China, France, 3 p.m.
 Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 5 p.m.
 U.S.A., 5 p.m.
 By Surface
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
 Macao, 8 p.m.



kong. The Hongkong-made film toured China and was popular. So the present version of the film "Family" was produced with a definite psychological background.

What is presented this time is the story of China as an allegory. The best of the Old is represented by a magnificent grandfather ruling his house, and fighting a hard but losing battle against the laxity of the Old and the unknown terrors of the Foreign and the New.

The worst of the Old is represented by three Uncles who might well be called (but aren't) Pride, Lust, and Greed. The spirit of the New is represented in the form of a young

revolutionary—a spiffy, and by no means a very amiable character. The Communist film directors have not done anything to arouse his preoccupation with the writing of a revolutionary editorial while his sweetheart commits suicide.

Touching Love Scene

Between these forces one of the most touchingly acted love scenes I have ever seen on the screen tells, or seems to tell, of the anguish of the whole of China as she hangs between the Old and the New.

And at the end of the film one is not left in any way

exultant. Instead, one is left regretting the greatness and the goodness of the Old that has been jettisoned—but still conscious that it died of natural causes, stifling of the arteries perhaps... old age.

In a way, the story is almost Communist apologia. What else could possibly have happened? What was there to replace the old... but Communism?

Anyway—the film is worth seeing. And that is the highest praise that any film can get.

Family is showing without English subtitles. It is to be followed by the second film in the series "Spring" which was made in Hongkong.

The Voice Was BIGGER Than The Band!

When we arrived at the Hongkong Football Stadium last night a fair-size crowd of spectators had already gathered. The peanut vendors and pedlars of soft drinks were making their way up and down between the stands.

There was a band and in one descriptive piece of music, "Tulsa" by Don Gillis, which they played, we even heard the referee's whistle and revolver shots—presumably an attempt to "shoot the ref." The only things missing were the "ball players" and "cheer-leaders."

However, we were not attending any sporting event but the first concert given by the United States Air Force Band under their conductor Colonel George S. Howard.

Vocalists Suffer

This amplifying system gave the first soloist T/Sgt. Robert Kerns (baritone) a mighty 100 watt voice which at times drowned the band even when they were playing fortissimo; this is not an unheard-of occurrence in this electronic age.

The choir, The Singing Sergeants conducted by Captain Robert L. Landers, also suffered because of the poor bass response of the amplifier. This made it almost impossible to hear the lower register and led to some apparently strange harmonies.

The second soloist, M/Sgt. William DuPre (Tenor) also suffered because of this poor bass response as he had to hunt for some of his lower notes presumably because he could not hear himself clearly.

T/Sgt. Joseph Soprani gave a superb demonstration of technical agility on the accordion playing three very fast pieces, Hora Staccato, Tic-Tac, and Flight of the Bumble Bee.

As I have already said, I would not like to pass judgment on the total quality or balance

of this performance; I could not, however, praise highly enough their attack and precision. Their first item was "Fanfare and Allegro" by Williams. This was a difficult item to begin a programme with as, I am sure, the majority of the audience were hearing it for the first time.

The second item was a tribute to the conductor of the band, it was entitled the Colonel George S. Howard March and was written in his honour by Peckling.

So the programme continued through many styles and moods including another example of instrumental virtuosity "Bugler's Holiday" by Osterling featuring a trio of trumpets from the band.

The programme concluded with the choir and band joining together to sing and play selections of American marches. In this they were conducted by Colonel Howard and Captain Landers together.

First Class

Taken all-in-all, this was a first class performance against tremendous odds. All the players and singers deserve our praise.

We must also register our gratitude to all those concerned with this performance as the entire proceeds are going to local charities.

If I might be allowed one final word of criticism, the soft drink pedlars were active between items and even (oh horror!) during some of the actual playing. Could not their activities be confined to the period before the concert and the interval?

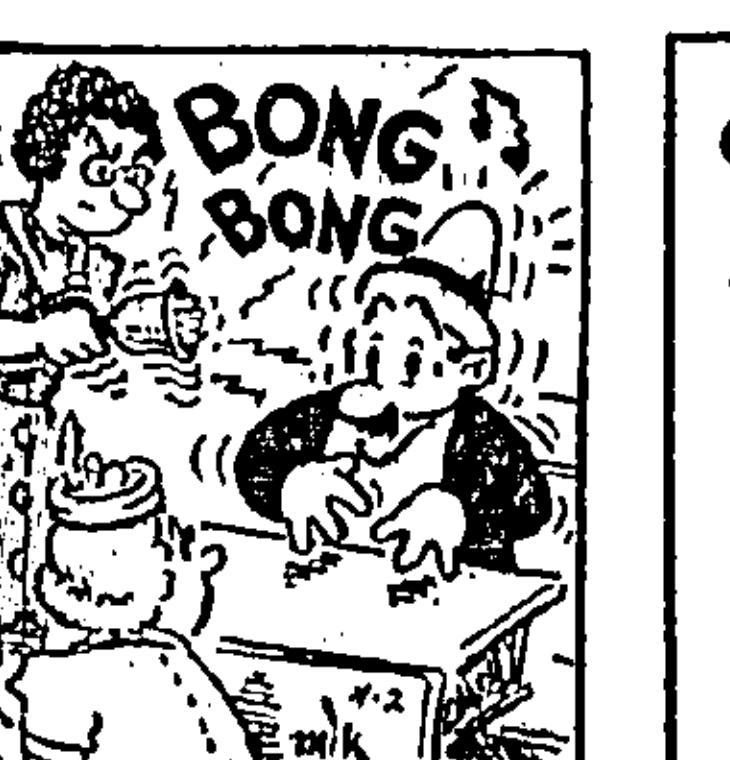
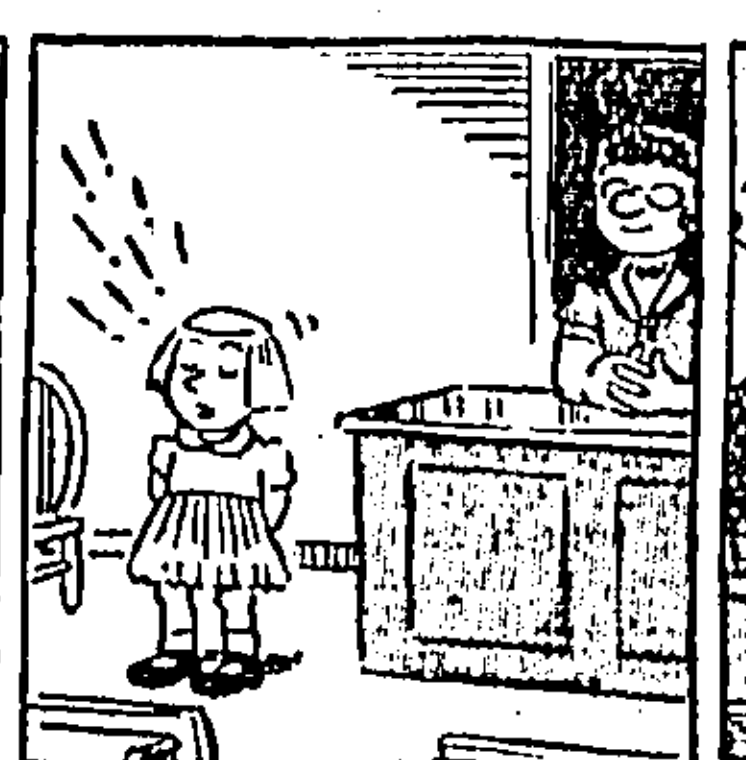
There are to be three more concerts with entirely different programmes. There will be two today and another tomorrow. I would encourage everyone to go to at least one of these; I can assure them they will have an enjoyable time and these performances are for a very good cause.

—R. A. BONES.

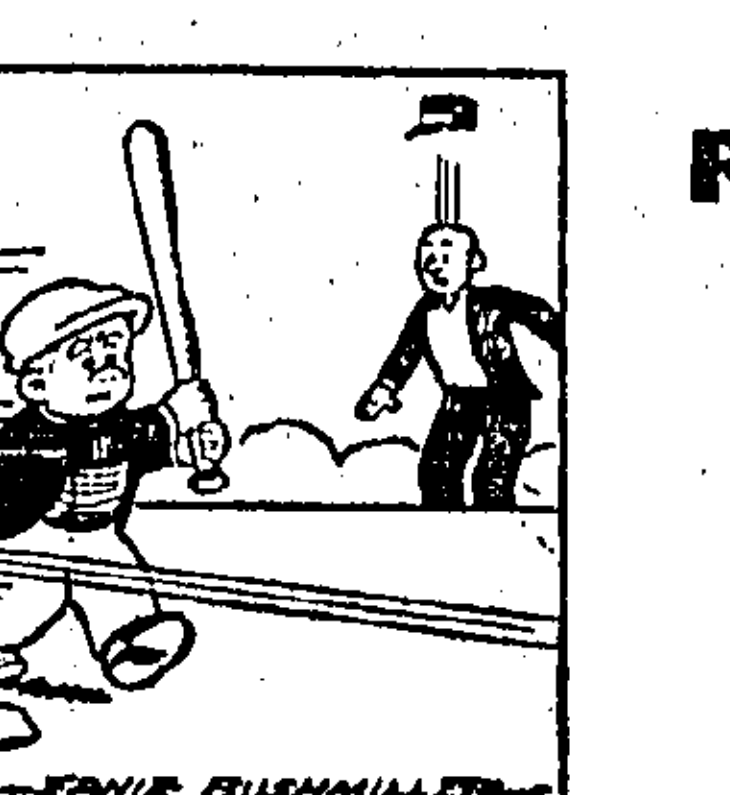
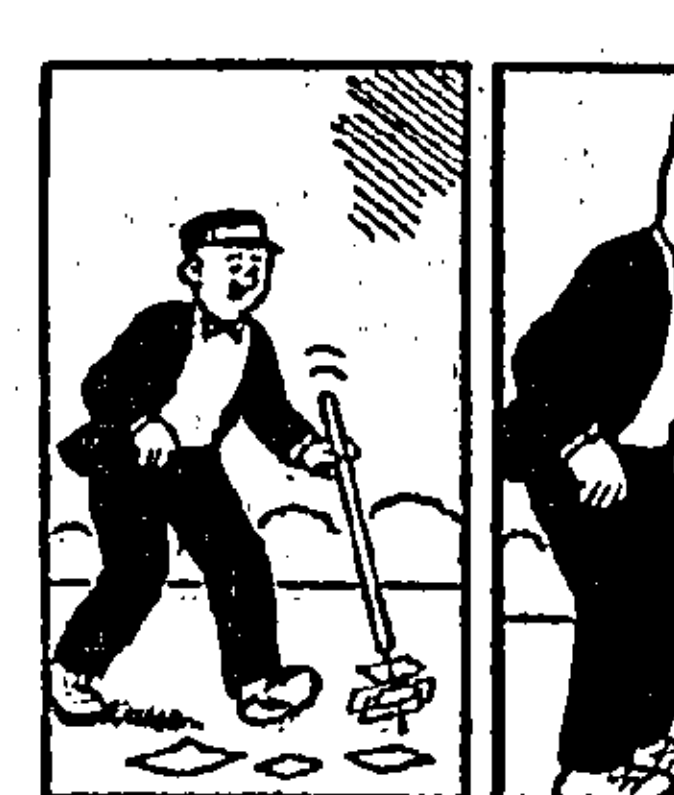
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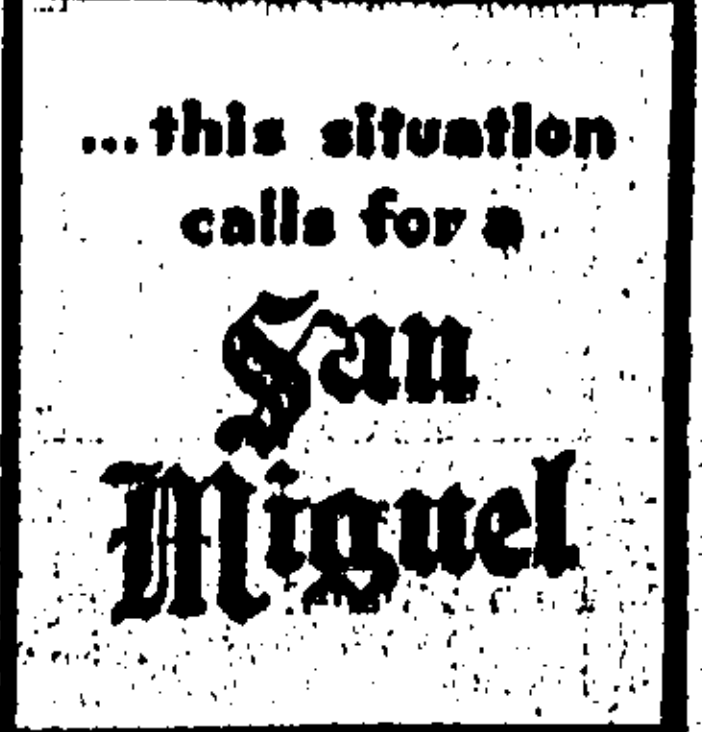
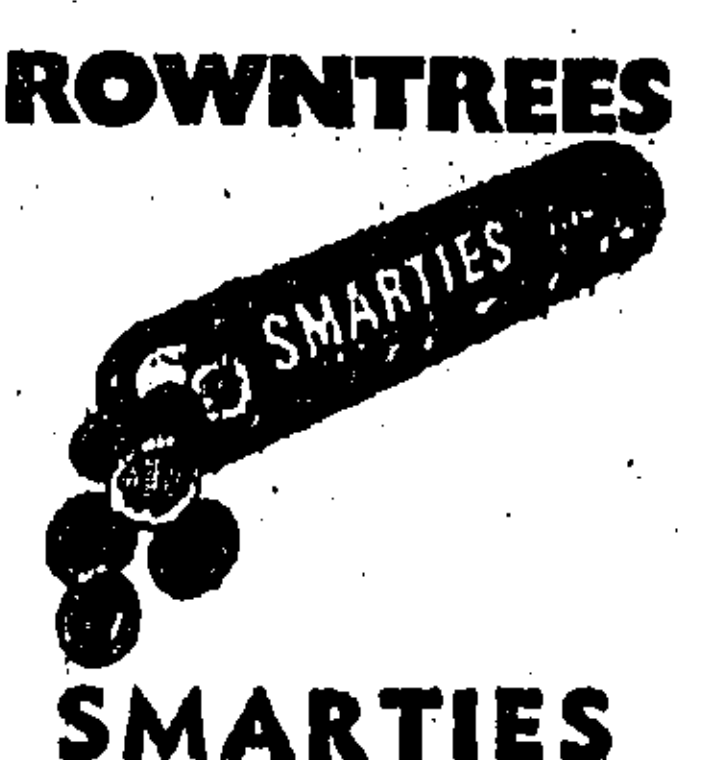
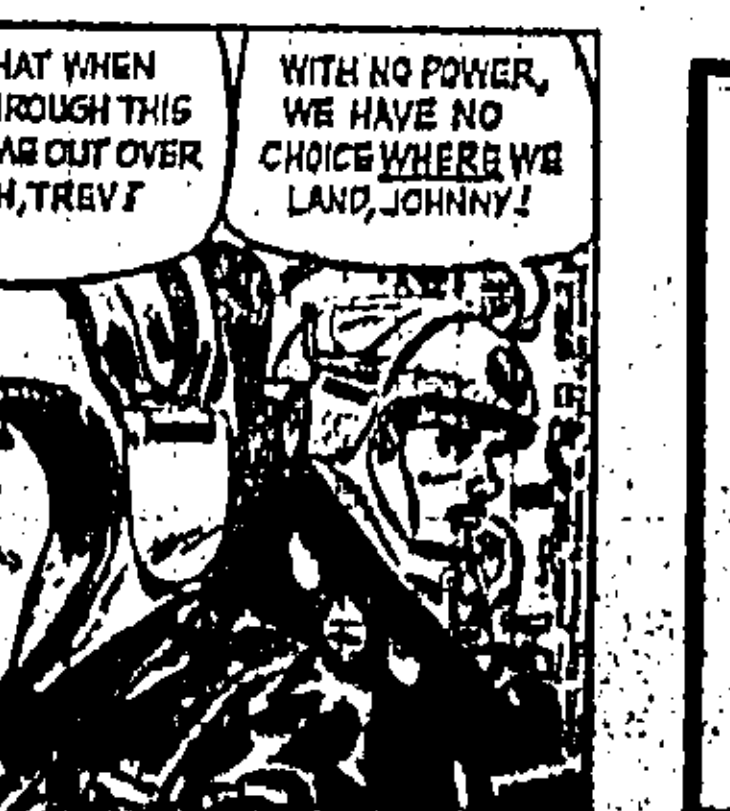
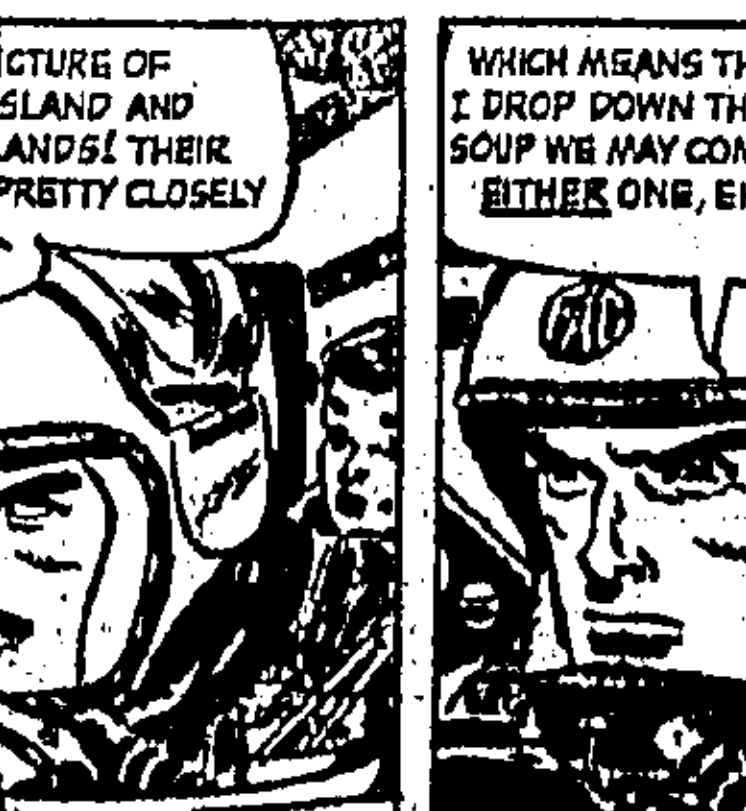
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'Retire? Who Me?'

Harry Odell Gives His Answer

by JANE ROBERTS

Hongkong residents have seen many changes during the last ten years and the North Point area has grown to proportions unthought of in the period just after the end of the war.

One of the most unusual of the buildings to go up there was the Empire cinema with its strangely shaped roof and imaginative decor and now this too may in its turn give way to change.

Harry Odell, who, with International Films, was the main owner of the Empire cinema, has now sold his interest in it and the new owners, Charles Gray and partners, who bought the theatre for \$3 million, plan an \$18 million building development scheme there.

There will be a 15-storey building which will include shops, a theatre and 250 apartments.

Unfailing Optimist

In a pessimistic world, Harry Odell is an unfailing optimist. When the Empire struck loss time through failure to obtain money-making pictures he felt that by hanging on, times might get better and the Empire not only pay her way but show a handsome profit.

When it became obvious that the type of films available to the Empire were not going to make her fortune, Harry Odell began bringing in internationally famous artists, but still the Empire did not come up to expectations and reluctantly he has now decided to relinquish his interest in her.

After 37 years in the Far East and with three successful sons in the film distributing business it might be thought that he has earned a rest and although most people would be glad to see this cheerful character and his friendly wife Sophie leave, perhaps to join one of their sons in Porto Rico, nobody would

blame them for sitting back and taking it easy, at least for a while.

At the mere suggestion Harry hoots with laughter. His sons were all brought up out here—"went to King George V school" he says proudly—and even if he wanted to go, he'd never get Sophie away from Hongkong.

This point firmly established, we went on to talk about his future plans. First of all he's got a Chinese pianist coming to play here.

He told me that a young baritone will be his next artist and music lovers will be pleased to hear that two big names have been booked for August and October. First will be Luigi Infantino and the October star will be the contralto Marian Anderson.

One Problem

The main difficulty in bringing these artists to Hongkong is the lack of a suitable hall in which they can be heard to their best advantage, but again, in his customary optimistic fashion, Harry will cross that bridge when he comes to it.

Many of the artists Harry Odell has brought to Hongkong have arrived here as complete strangers to him but most of them have gone away firm friends and his office walls are covered with autographed photographs bearing witness to the success of his efforts to make them happy while they have been performing here.

It is this friendliness that makes it certain that Harry Odell will never settle down in quiet retirement while there is an opportunity for him to be connected with show business.



Harry Odell and Sophie (below)



RADIO Hongkong

11.45 p.m. "Women Only"—A Weekly Magazine: 6. Time Signal, Programme Summary: 6.05, Lucky Dip—Listeners Requests presented by Margherita: 7. String Song—Ronald Binge and his Orchestra: 7.30, Time for Jazz—With Robin Day: 7.55, Weather Report: 8. Time Signal, News Item: 8.15, Opera and Ballet: 8.45, Wednesday Theatre—"Minister-Angels" No. 4—Lady Mary Wortley Montagu—Specially Written for broadcasting by Janet Tomblin. Produced for the Hongkong Stage Club by Pat Egan. The Cast: Lady Mary (Eileen Caldwell), Edward Worsley (Ronald Binge), Alexander Pope (David Cress), Lord Addison (Stanley Oliver), Monsieur de Fallow (Xavier Lechevalier), Lady Bute (Janet Tomblin), Dr. Hailand (Stanley Oliver). Other voices by Elizabeth Jennings, Geoffrey Lupton, David Cress and Michael Tyler: 9.30, "Me and Juliet" (Rodgers-Hammerstein), Excerpts sung by the Principals and Chorus of the Broadway Production: 10. This Week's Comedies—Schumann: 10.30, A Tribute to Danes—Popular Continental Orchestras: 10.45, Weather Report: 11. Time Signal, Radio Newswire: 11.15, Goodnight Music: 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m., Wednesday Concert—"Gwendoline Overture" (Chabrier), played by the Concerto Colonne Orchestra. "The Song" (Debussy), played by the Marlborough Symphony Orchestra. The Three-Cornered Hat (Manuel de Falla), played by the Orchestra de l'Opera-Comique, Paris. 4. The Story of Belle Castle: 4.15, Tea for Two: 4.30, Stride: 4.45, Instrumental: 5. Children's Corner—Presented by Ann Day: 5.20, Wednesday Quiz: 5.25, Personality Parade: 5.30, Dick Jurgens Show: 5.35, Personalities: 5.40, Fields: 5.45, Concert Miniature: 5.50, Father with Axel Stordahl's Orchestra: 5.55, The Mystery of Nurse Lorette: 6. Time Signal and News: 6.10, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude: 6.15, Tops in Popular Music: 6.30, Diamond Music Show: 6.35, Music You—George Melachrino and the International Theatre Orchestra: 6.40, "La Chanson" by John Galsworthy. Episode 3: 6.45, Melodies and Memories—James Turner and his Orchestra with vocal soloists and the B.B.C. Chorus: 7.00, One Night Stand: 7.10, Jerry's Jumble and Juke—Presented by Jerry Lewis: 7.15, Prelude to Midnight: 7.20, Midnight, God Save the Queen: 7.25, Close Down.

TELEVISION

6 p.m., Children's Hour—"Cartoon"—B.B.C. Williams and Don Diamond: 6.15, Close Down. 7.30 p.m., Appleton and Field at the Piano: 7.45, Newswire: 8. "Life of the World"—B.B.C. Chorus: 8.15, The Duck: 9. Science Fiction Theatre: "No Food for Thought"—John Ho and Cecil Keating: 9.30, Feature Film—"Criminals Within": 10.45, Weather, Headlines, Close Down.

H.E. Visits Child Care Centre

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham visited the Hongkong Juvenile Care Centre, Lower Albert Road, this morning and joined in the celebrations of its ninth anniversary.

MA ON SHAN RECOVERING FROM \$500,000 RAIN DAMAGE

OUT OF ACTION FOR 21 DAYS BUT TODAY MINERS GO BACK

Trapped Men Have Lucky Escape

The main Ma On Shan mine, out of operation for 21 days because of rain and landslide damage, is expected to go back into operation today.

The mines which are operated by the Mutual Trust Company, suffered a loss of \$500,000 because of damage.

The company's main mine, No. 240 (so named because the mine is situated 240 metres above sea level) was thrown out of operation for 21 days. Only the exit has been cleared but mining and tunnelling engineers inspected the mine and gave the green light to begin operations again today.

Shoulder-high

It is estimated it will take at least two months for production to return to normal, that is at the rate of 650 tons of crude ore a day.

It all happened on the night of May 21 when the miners, finishing their shift, found that their exit was blocked by 3,000 tons of earth and rocks. They discovered an open space of about two feet at the top of the cement concrete mouth of the exit tunnel, but they dared not climb through because mud and rocks were being brought down by the heavy rain.

The 30 men retreated hoping to make their escape through the entry to the tunnel. But they discovered that they had to wade through swift running water shoulder-high.

Eventually, as heavy rain continued to fall, a landslide brought down about 7,000 tons of earth and completely blocked the entry to the 240 tunnel, piling about 60 feet high against the slope.

Their only means of escape was to climb to mine no. 280 on a higher level. They struggled through the honeycomb of tunnels, wading in water shut deep until they reached the incline and then emerged to safety from mine no. 280.

Mine no. 240 has been out of operation since May 22. With both its entry and exit blocked, rail-cars could not drive in to take out the crude ore that had been mined.

Tracks Washed Away

Apart from the blocking of the tunnels, the heavy rain washed away rail tracks, bridge supports, paralysing the transport system so that only trucks could be used.

The onrush of water breached the channel that leads the 300,000-gallon a day supply to the ore dressing plant processing crude ore into concentrated ore.

The channel was only repaired on June 3 and the plant resumed operations on that day, after having been out of operation a fortnight.

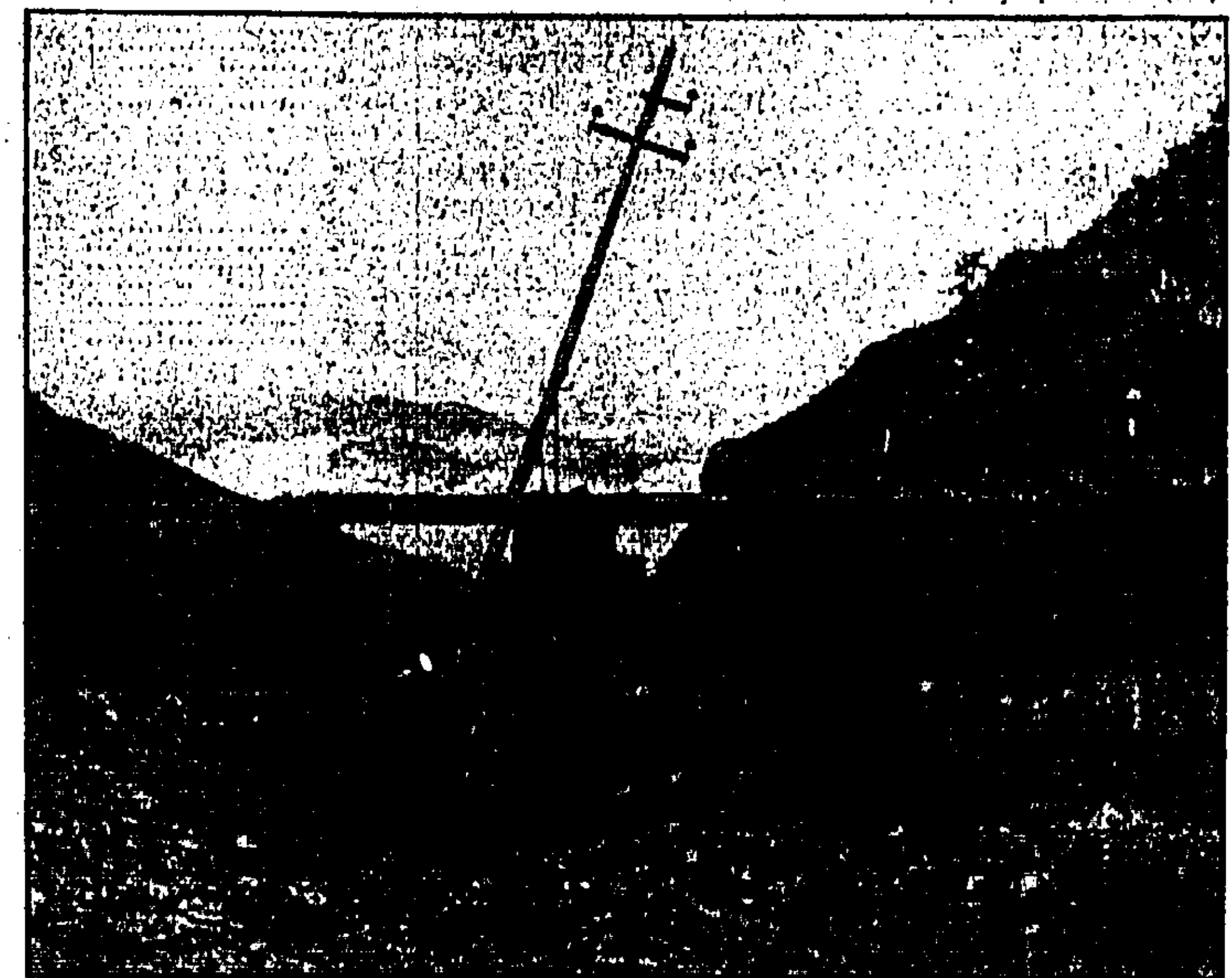
The Damage

This is how they assess the loss: \$150,000 for repairs to roads, bridges and tracks and \$350,000, the value of 1,000 tons of concentrated ore washed into the sea. About \$20,000 pay to the staff; \$140,000 loss of crude ore production; \$150,000 loss of concentrated ore production after the deduction of production costs.

Mr. Chas and Mr. Leo said the company hoped to mine 100 tons of crude ore a day and this target would soon have been reached if production had not been hampered by the torrential rain and floods.

They estimated that at this peak rate of production, Ma On Shan Mine would yield iron ore for another 40 years.

Rains Wash Away Bridge



(Above) this bridge support at Ma On Shan was washed away during the recent heavy rains. The rail tracks were severed and the bridge collapsed and the electric power pole toppled. This damage was done by swift flowing rain waters. The picture below shows part of the 7,000 tons of earth and rock which swept down the hillside blocking mine no. 240. The rain also created an artificial lake (foreground).



GOODBYE HK!



Li Li-hwa Off To America

Miss Li Li-hwa, the well-known Chinese cinema actress, left for the P.A.A. for the United States this morning. She was seen off by Mr. Yen Tsun, and many other friends at the airport.

Miss Li said she was going to America to meet her eight-year-old daughter who had sailed with her and had remained in the States since June last year.

Judge's Ruling On Govt Document

Mr Justice T. J. Gould at the Supreme Court this morning overruled opposition to a Government claim of privilege in respect of a certain document and testimony relating to an informal arbitration meeting.

Mr Oswald Cheung, Counsel for the plaintiffs in an action for possession of a theatre, had previously applied to call two civil servants as witnesses, one to give evidence as to what took place at the meeting and the other to produce a document.

Plaintiffs are Cheung Yan-lung and Cheung Ka-ku, merchants and owners of the Shek Wu Theatre in Sheung Shui, New Territories. They are also claiming for intermediate profits at the rate of \$1,500 a month from May 18, 1956, until they got the theatre.

Informal Meeting

Defendants are Young Yim-ming and Young Chi-ling, merchants, of Sheung Shui. Plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Cheung, instructed by Mr. Donald Cheung, of F. Zimmerman and Co. Mr. Brook Bertucci and Mr. Victor Gilks, instructed by M. K. Lam and Co., are representing the defendants.

Mr. Cheung this morning referred to two documents filed by the Deputy Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. W. B. Baron, one addressed to the Director of Urban Services (in whose department one of the proposed witnesses, Mr. D. C. Bray, a former District Officer, is at present) and the other addressed to the District Commissioner, New Territories.

Mr. Cheung said there had been an informal meeting between the parties before Mr. Bray to settle a dispute. Counsel said it was stated by the Deputy Colonial Secretary in the latter documents that if Mr. Bray was permitted to give evidence, "trust in a District Officer would be destroyed and his work of settling disputes by arbitration would be hampered in the future."

Mr. Cheung submitted that the claim of privilege had been misconceived. There was no question, he said, of disclosing any secret document affecting the security of the Colony or its diplomatic relations.

As to whether the same principle applied to the giving of verbal evidence by a Government official, His Lordship said the same principle did apply.

Hearing on the action proper is proceeding.

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